THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) As acupuncture is not a part of recognised systems of medicine in this country, we have no authentic information on the subject. The common ailments which can be treated by acupuncture are: Bone and joints disorders eg. Spondilitis, Osteo arthitis, Rheumatoidarthritis, Bronchial Asthma, Allergic Rhinitis, Post polio Residual Paralysis (early), Hemiplegia, Facial Paralysis, various forms of Neuralgias, certain type of epilesy, certain psychological disorders, Vascular insufficiency e.g. Buerger's disease etc. The facility for acupuncture is available in many cities of the country, both in the Government as well as in private sector. Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi, Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital & University College of Medical Sciences, Delhi, Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi, JIPMER, Pondicherry have regular acupuncture clinics.

Laser beams are now being used in certain situations instead of the needles. This is still in the experimental phase and equipments are being procured at Safdarjung Hospital and G.T.B. Hospital & U.C.M.S.

All India Magnetotherapists Association

275. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) when the All India Magnetotherapists Association was set up and by whom;

(b) what was the number of its members when it was set up and their number as on April 1, 1988; and

(c) what contribution the Association has so far made to add to the popularity of magnetotherapy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) This Ministry are not aware of setting up of such an Association.

Malfunctioning of the Primary Health Centres in U.P.

276. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 3003 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd March, 1988 and state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report that appeared in the "Indian Express" dated the 13th February, 1988 wherein it has been stated that compounders, Ward Boys and Chowkidars are acting as doctors in about 300 Primary Health Centres in Uttar Pradesh attending to patients, prescribing and dispensing medicines and some times even performing operations;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is shortage of staff of about four thousands in Government hospitals, dispensaries and Primary Health Centres; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir. The report of the State Government has been called for regarding this matter.

(b) According to information given by the State Government as on 31.12.87 only 1419 posts of medical and paramedical personnel were vacant out of the total sanctioned

strength of 49454 posts in the Primary Health Centres, sub-centres and other health institutions in the rural areas of U.P. Detailed position about the posts sanctioned, staff in position and posts vacant is given at Statement. (*See* below).

(c) Question does not arise.

Statement

Medical and Para-medical personnel in the State of Uttar Pradesh

Category	Posts Sanctioned	Staff in position	Posts vacant
1. Total Specialists	Nil	Nil	Nil
2. Doctors at P.H.C.	2486	2486	Nil
3. Block Extension Educators.	1026	1026	Nil
4. Health Assistants (Male)	4656*	4593*	63*
5. Health Assistants (Female/LHV)	3774	3774	Nil
6. Health Workers (Male)	11547*	11363*	184*
7. Health Workers (female/ANMs)	22022	21135	887
8. Pharmacists	2228	2228	Nil
9. Laboratory Technicians	1646*	1361*	285*
10. Nurse Midwifes	65*	69*	Nil*
	49454	48035	1419

*Figures as on 31-3-1985. All other figures as on 31-12-1987.

Historical places as National Monument

277. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria to declare any historical place as a National Monument;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have received requests to declare the birth place of Veer Savarkar at Bhagar, District Nasik, Maharashtra as a National Monument;

(c) if so, whether Government have decided to declare it as National Monument; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Ancient and historical monuments which are more than 100 years old are assessed on the basis of their archaeological, historical and architectural value for declaration as of national importance under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 after taking into consideration other relevant aspects like ownership, usage and the like.